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Toc H members accept a four-fold commitment:

- 1 To build friendships across the barriers that divide man from man
- 2 To give personal service
- 3 To find their own convictions while always being willing to listen to the views of others
- 4 To work for the building of that better world which has been called the Kingdom of God.

This magazine, which acts as a forum for ideas about Toc H and about the world in which we live, takes its title from the third of these Four Points—to think fairly.

On the cover:

If genius is an infinite capacity for taking pains then this degree of concentration must surely suggest a genius in the making. The young lady is a member of the pre-school playgroup run by the Centre '70 Community Association. An article on the work of the Association begins on page 89.

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VIEWPOINT

That £2 Million

Feels rather as though we'd won the pools, doesn't it? I suppose everyone's still slightly dazed, and can't believe it's really happened. But it has happened, and when the initial excitement and incredulity has worn off we will begin to realise just how big a responsibility rests on our shoulders. The decisions taken over the next few months, not just by the Central Executive but by us all, will be the most important decisions in the whole history of the Movement. They will determine whether 1972 will really be the year of the rebirth of Toc H.

In his report to the Central Executive on the sale of 15 Trinity Square George Liddle, the Honorary Treasurer, rightly pointed out that the genie we have released from its bottle 'can prove a good genie or it can prove a bad genie'. The money we have received may be a spur to action or it may lull us into a less wholehearted commitment. That is the measure of our responsibility.

An immediate decision has been taken to invest the capital sum and the Central Executive has appointed a special sub-committee to consider the principles which should govern the expenditure of the additional income which has been made available to us.

This income is a challenge. Poverty can at times be a comforting excuse. 'Of course we'd like to initiate all kinds of exciting new activities but we just can't afford it, you see.' That won't wash anymore. All of us, in branches or through District Teams, are being challenged to work out the ways in which we can extend the Kingdom in our corner of the world.

A number of new staff appointments will now become possible, and they will raise important questions about priorities. My own view, for what it's worth, is that the emphasis in drafting terms of reference for any new member of staff should be on the word 'extension'. In other words any new field staff should have as their first duty the extension of Toc H through encouraging local initiatives for the formation of new groups, traditional or less traditional.

In recent years new ways of extending the Movement, through the creation of a sense of

community in inner city areas and through involving increasingly large numbers of young people in projects, have proved their worth. These new methods will rightly claim their share of any additional staff.

But a word of warning is necessary. The decisive factor in determining the size of the staff in recent years has not been lack of money. It has been lack of suitable recruits from within the membership. If (as one assumes) the opportunity is taken to bring the salary scales up to a slightly more realistic level, this situation may be eased. But for many members, joining the staff will still involve sacrifice. Are there members prepared to make this sacrifice?

And a second word of warning. The appointment of half a dozen new members of staff will not, of itself, solve our problems. Staff can hopefully advise, encourage and assist, but the real work of extending the Movement has to be done by the membership locally. The thinking out of new methods and the development of new activities will remain primarily a local responsibility. Because we have always been, and will remain, a local Movement.

For us, as for the pools winner, things can never be quite the same again. We can either buy a few luxuries and settle down to a peaceful retirement, or we can seize the opportunity we have been given to realise the full creative potential of Toc H. The choice is ours.

K P-B

Next month in Point Three

John Forbes contributes his 'Hebridean Journal', being an account of a Toc H extension campaign on the island of Lewis.

The first in a series of articles featuring some of the branches which received their Lamps from the Prince of Wales in 1922.

'Faces in the Regions' (held over from this month's issue) heads west.

New plans for Etembeni

Alec Churcher reports on an exciting new scheme to provide clinics offering comprehensive medical care in the Valley of a Thousand Hills.

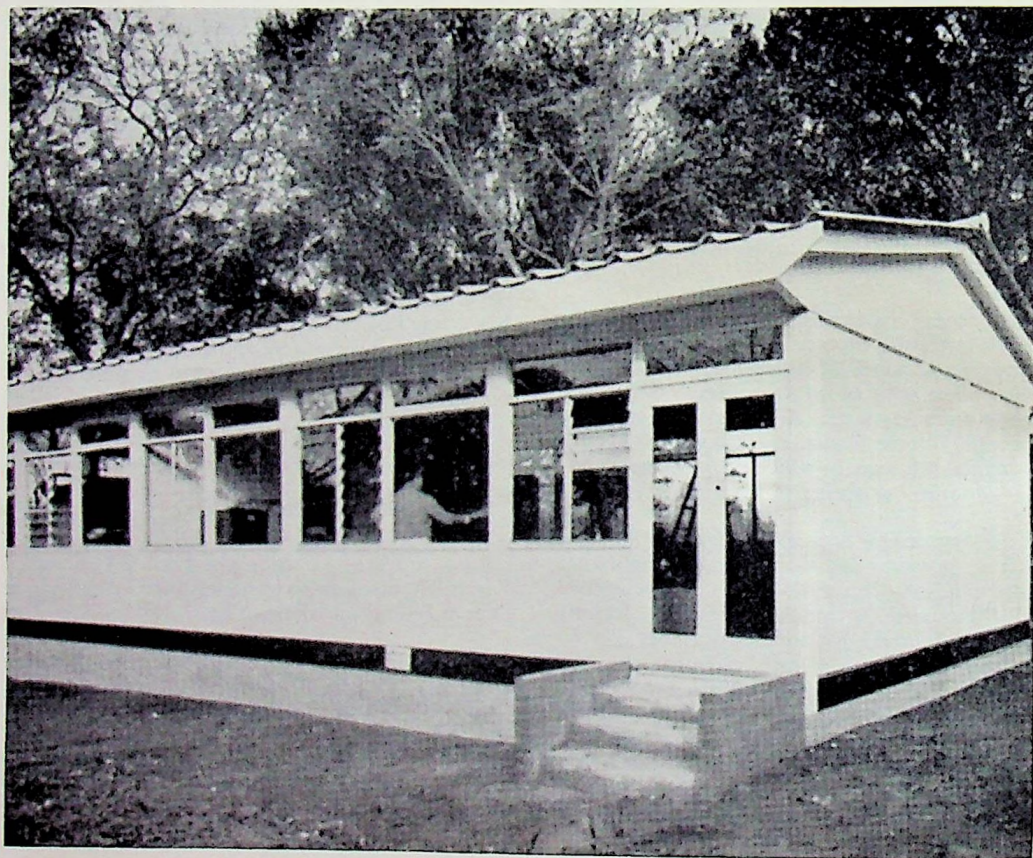
The Zulu people are the largest ethnic group in South Africa and many thousands of them live in the great Valley of a Thousand Hills in Natal.

At the southern end of the Valley lies the Botha's Hill TB Settlement, known as Etembeni, or The Place of Hope, the name given to it by the Zulus. This Settlement was founded by Don McKenzie (a Vice-President of Toc H) and has become known throughout the Movement since the Jubilee Year appeal focused upon it

the attention of the family all over the world.

The sum of £10,168 was raised by Toc H (R20,337 in SA currency), which included the amount contributed by Toc H in South Africa, to help the development of a new concept of TB control.

The money collected by Toc H around the world in Jubilee Year will be used to provide medical care in the Valley of a Thousand Hills through clinics such as this.



The appeal was for funds to develop a scheme of after-care centred on the Settlement, which would help prevent the recurrence of the disease in patients who too often return to their homes to live under the very conditions which originally caused the disease; the object of the appeal was also to improve conditions by a programme of health education, combined with instruction by an agricultural demonstrator in the growing of nutritional food.

As has so often happened elsewhere, the State has gradually taken over the responsibility for work pioneered by voluntary organisations. The cost of administration of the work of the TB Settlement is now borne by the State Health Department but this does not provide for the costs of after-care work. The proceeds from the appeal were therefore invested and the interest used to provide agricultural fencing, implements, seeds etc for the home gardens established. This policy was adopted at a time when it was imperative that the work should continue without any break and, since further additions have been made to the capital in South Africa, and since all the interest has not been spent, the fund has increased.

Meanwhile, in the light of changing circumstances, the pattern of government health services for rural Africans has altered; the aim now is a comprehensive health service. The problem of tuberculosis is seen as part of a general problem which is essentially social and economic.

The Botha's Hill TB Settlement, which receives per capita grants from the Government, now wishes to adapt itself to this new concept of a comprehensive health service. Broadly speaking, this pattern consists of a general hospital linked to and servicing a number of satellite clinics. Already, as a first step towards this wider vision and function, the Settlement has established a general ward which will provide for the needs of patients with illnesses other than tuberculosis. The Settlement will ultimately become a general hospital of the 'cottage' type.

The Botha's Hill TB Settlement (Etembeni) under the leadership of its new Chairman, Mr George Whitward, has appointed an after-care committee to consider the right use of the appeal money under these changed circumstances. I was able to meet this sub-committee during my recent visit to Durban. The committee's proposal is that the fund should be used to build and equip one of the satellite clinics to which I have previously referred. These clinics will be staffed by African nurses and will provide a 24 hour service with the emphasis

on preventive medicine and a total family service, ante-natal, maternity and child care, etc. In addition each clinic will have a young African male assistant who will have received training in public health and who will concentrate on environmental conditions.

An interesting feature of the whole scheme is that it is based on the belief that people will only care about all these things in so far as they are involved in them. It is therefore proposed that each clinic shall have a local African Advisory Board and this Board will be responsible for raising about one eighth of the cost of maintenance. Generally speaking this will be obtained by a small charge to each patient.

The Emolweni area, which is at present served by the TB Settlement, is poor and isolated and desperately needs the wider medical services which the establishment of a clinic could provide.

The after-care committee believes that Toc H can now take a lead in giving this community very practical assistance by establishing a clinic within the framework outlined. The cost will be from R6000 to R9000, and the appeal fund has more than enough money to establish at least one such clinic.

The ultimate aim is to have a circle of clinics round each hospital, and each clinic will have a commemorative plaque naming the donor organisation. If Toc H give the lead, it is likely that other welfare organisations will follow suit. Don McKenzie is enthusiastic about the new scheme, and it would certainly seem to me that here at last is the right way of using the bulk of the money which Toc H in the UK, in South Africa and elsewhere overseas subscribed to help the work of Etembeni.

Meanwhile the work of the Settlement in its present form continues. A new Warden, Howard Bruce, a Toc H member, has been appointed, and is full of ideas for strengthening the links with Toc H locally. A team of Toc H Volunteers will, it is hoped, be building a playground there during the school holidays.

I was fortunate enough to be able to spend a day at the Settlement in January, and was as always impressed not only by the quiet beauty of the scene but with the dedication of the staff and the happy atmosphere prevailing. It is indeed a 'Place of Hope', and I am glad to have this opportunity of letting fellow members know of the new hopes which are now taking shape for the continuance and extension of the work.

First impressions

Keith Rea, newly appointed Commissioner of Toc H in Germany, writes about his first tour of the services' clubs, and gives a comprehensive picture of the impressive work done in our name.

After landing with a crude bump at Hannover airport, we the passengers are squeezed out of our air-conditioned tube called a Boeing 737 and very quickly are on our various ways. The only memory of our brief encounter, the plastic meal we shared together. As Commissioner of Toc H in Germany my tour of our clubs serving the forces has begun.

An hour and a half's drive brings me to Verden, a small town south east of Bremen. The garrison of Verden is a small one and takes on the

character of the town, which is rural and friendly. Our club, too, is noted for its family atmosphere despite being part of a German army barracks and supposedly haunted by 'Ferdie', a Prussian Guards officer, spiked helmet and all. From the club goes the mobile canteen daily. Frank Dupont and his staff are

The busy scene in the shop at the Toc H club in Munster. The photographs on these pages were taken for us by the club's canteen manager. Bob Peyton-Bruhl.



listening posts for isolated families and for soldiers' troubles. On Tuesday evenings the Toc H branch meets to plan its jobs, and on Sundays a Toc H service is held. The preacher is often a local German pastor.

Next morning, I travel about 100 miles in search of the town of Wolfenbittel, just north of the Harz mountains, traversing on the way the elevated impersonal roadways of Brunswick. Just outside the town of Wolfenbittel, in grim grey stone barracks, is the small suite of rooms which is the new Toc H club, not organised as yet but clearly having the potential to bring much friendship to this isolated border unit. On hearing that Toc H was willing to undertake non-profitable work if that work was within its Christian objects, the Commanding Officer was sufficiently impressed to give us enlarged premises. Soon the army urn tea will go and Frank and Wyn Howlett from Toc H Scotland will be dispensing their own brew to grateful soldiers' wives who wait for cold and erratic buses.

Travelling east we are soon at the Helmstedt check point at the beginning of the corridor through East Germany to Berlin. Here one is briefed on the elaborate procedure of guards and barriers, the trappings of the cold war pantomime being played out by the western powers in their non-recognition of East Germany. So, surrendering passports to Russian troops only and ignoring East German halt signs, I am off on my timed run to Berlin—to do it in less than two hours would bring a prosecution for speeding. The whole road is rather like the southern part of the M1 but the surface is more rugged. I am not encouraged to stop.

I survive being lost in the Berlin rush-hour and eventually wind up at the Toc H club, a delightful house just north of Spandau. Within are the spotless shop and pleasant canteen. In the upper rooms Service families can be accommodated for holidays. The club is the centre for much mobile work and the guards at such places as Spandau Gaol, the Russian War Memorial and Checkpoint Charlie are very grateful for our visits. At the Military Hospital Toc H runs a shop and a trolley service round the wards. Angus Laing and his team are always on the lookout for new service without regard to profitability or the hour at which it is needed. The goodwill towards Toc H is tremendous.

Berlin, of course, is a fascinating city. As the richest city in wildlife in the world it guards

trees and open space with fanaticism and law. On the weekly bus trip run by the WRVS I was able to see something of the east sector over the wall, the guarding of which by 'goon'-towers is one of the most depressing sights of today. But the slow building has enabled the East Germans to achieve a unity in their architecture which is missing in the speculative rush of West Berlin. Outside this unity the weed-growing ruins of ancient churches are sad to see, deliberate monuments to the death of the spirit which only a materialistic society would encourage.

I motor some 250 miles back down the bleak corridor to the town of Paderborn which is, I understand, the most staunch Catholic city in Germany. There our canteen and shop are in two rather old houses, hardly tailor-made for the job, but the canteen is usually very busy. Somehow the servicemen who come here are usually on the way to somewhere else; very few of them seem to live anywhere near the club itself. However as a meeting place for the wives of soldiers serving in Northern Ireland it is ideal; it is moving to hear them speak of what their menfolk are putting up with. My arrival coincides with the setting up of the Londonderry enquiry. They ask among themselves, why it is that no enquiry takes place when a soldier is assassinated? There are some isolated barracks round Paderborn. We have an afternoon shop in one and our mobiles try to cover others; the supply of newspapers assumes an importance in these isolated communities. The papers usually get to the customers on the day of issue, but when fog holds up the planes, our staff are constantly badgered for information.

It is a comparatively short journey to our next centre at Munster. Always when I near this beautiful city I am reminded of the German heroes of the last war and their resistance to Hitler. At the centre of the resistance movement in Munster was its renowned Bishop, who spoke publicly for the Christian life of the city. One gets the impression even now that his spirit lives on in the people.

Our club is in the suburb of Gremmendorf. It is part of the barracks and therefore far from ideal for the purpose but inside I find it newly decorated and well organised by the small team headed by the youngest Toc H warden, Alan Crowder. One of the largest garrisons is stationed in and around the city, and there is heavy demand for the Toc H service, two afternoon shops, a Military Hospital shop and trolley service, plus mobile canteens. An

First impressions *continued*

example of Toc H going 'the extra mile' is the mobile bookshop, driven by Phil Macdonald, an ex-paratroop warrant officer. A round of isolated families takes him over 50 miles from the city. This very worthwhile service presents me with a problem. The ancient vehicle which is used needs replacing; where will that £3000+ be found?

In Munster we have a long standing problem, a microcosm of that facing Toc H at home. How do we keep the service personal, when the organisation has to be large in scale and therefore professional? This very difficult situation is being courageously tackled in Munster by the very adaptable staff working in our name.

This then in a nutshell is the Toc H work with the British Forces in Germany, now very different from the days of National Service and even more so from the club at Poperinge from which Toc H grew. We are dealing with a professional, well paid army and we are not asked for charity in that sense, but doesn't this trading inhibit the spiritual side of the operation? 'Holy groceries', say our denigrators. Well, it all depends on the staff and, judging by the evidence, offering the hand of friendship to those who are troubled or lonely is the mainstay of our work. From friendship comes positive power for good in any community if it is born of the conviction that Christ is in everyone. It becomes unselfish and compassionate, caring for persons in an increasingly impersonal world.

Yes, once again my trip has reinforced my belief that Services work is a very worthwhile peg on which to hang some of our hopes for the future of Toc H. The important thing is that at the end of each trip, I ask: Is the work still actively Christian? What more needs to be done?

Checking the daily delivery of newspapers is ex-paratroop warrant officer Phil Macdonald. Among Phil's other duties at the club is driving the mobile bookshop to isolated families up to 50 miles from the city.

The Munster club and its mobile canteens serve the troops and their wives and children.



Our aim is development

A statement by Sandy Giles, the Director of Toc H

These are some of the thoughts which have been in my mind since we knew the price we were to be paid for 15 Trinity Square. I have expressed them and discussed them at several meetings both of membership and of staff, and I am setting them forth now to help in the thinking of the membership and in particular of the working party which has been set up to make recommendations.

We must stress first of all that the £2 million net proceeds will be invested and it is the income which we will apply to the extension of Toc H. Both the Founder Padre and our Vice Patron, when we gave them the news, stressed in most earnest terms that in investing the proceeds and in allocating the income we had a very heavy responsibility of stewardship and that we must resolve that this income now available to the Movement as the result of the wisdom of an earlier generation must not be frittered away, or spent without very careful thought and planning. I think it is fairly obvious that part of the proceeds must be invested with an eye on security and income and part with an eye to growth.

Toc H is a membership Movement and to a great extent a decentralised Movement and there are many ideas which have been canvassed by branches, by Districts, by Areas and in Regions, which might in the past have been considered as worthy Toc H projects but which could never get started because of our limited income. No doubt some old projects will be considered again, and other new ones will be suggested which in the end will prove worthy of support, possibly partly by funds raised locally and partly by income from our new investments. But we will have to be sure in every case that they are worthy of financial support and likely to produce true Toc H growth and objectives.

If at any time we were to consider a national project for which some of the new income could be applied, I am convinced that this should not be one just thought up in a moment of enthusiasm in London but must be one which will be truly and whole-heartedly accepted as worthy of the whole Movement and endorsed by the Central Council. It would be fatal if Toc H were to be associated with a nation-wide project which it was then found did not have real support in the Regions.

I believe that one of our priorities must be to examine the financial problems of our retired staff and to do something to help them, and I also believe that it will be the wish of the Movement that the exercise at present proceeding of examining staff salaries should be assisted and made logical by the availability of new income. We need to improve the terms of service of our existing staff in the light of the continuing rise in the cost of living and of comparable salaries in government, local government and other charities. We may hope that new salary scales will improve recruitment of dedicated men and women and that our staff cadre could be enlarged in order to serve the existing membership, to recruit new membership and to find new areas of service.

Sooner or later, and I believe it should be sooner, the income from this £2 million should be taken into the annual revenue so that the whole annual estimate of revenue and expenditure may be realistic and form part of one progressive plan, rather than that we should have both a normal budget and a separate development budget.

I emphasise again that it is the income from this capital investment that we are to apply to development and it was stressed in the original consideration of this matter both at the Central Executive and in two meetings of the Central Council that it would be disastrous if the giving of the membership to the Family Purse were to be curtailed because we were now to have greater income from investment sources. If the membership were to turn from being a giving movement to an asking movement the whole spirit of Toc H would wither. We must all resolve that the level of giving should continue and if possible increase.

On the same lines, I am quite clear that it is the intention of the Central Executive that a sum of money, at present £22,000, should be made available annually, as part of our revenue, from the value-growth of our invested assets. This has been used in the past to balance the budget. It will now be available as part of the increase of our revenue. Thus the continued giving of the membership, the increase in value of our previous assets, and our new income of about £100,000 will together go to provide the money for the development which is our aim.

TALKING POINT

Who is responsible, the leader or the led?

Bob Knight

Some deplore that great leaders are no longer born and maintain that the complexity of our opportunities requires the mind and will of a Moses. This attitude appears at every level and in every sphere. It will be heard in conversations in Toc H as we move for the first time, as a result of the sale of 15 Trinity Square, into a situation in which financial resources have temporarily overtaken both manpower and ideas. Something mystical called 'leadership' is what we need, so the argument goes.

The intention of this 'Talking Point' is to provoke more discussion on our ideas of leadership, and to expose some of the conflicts that exist, sometimes expressed by the same voice. A favourite theme is the charismatic leader, the individual so deeply convinced of his divine vocation that he commands total confidence. The assumption is then made that he will act on his own, take liberties with the feelings and opinions of others, and be judged solely by his personal achievements. Yet while many would approve the self-confidence and courage of such a man, it is not likely that he would be given uncritical loyalty, nor that sensitivity would be allowed to give place to results at any cost.

The alternative assumption about a charismatic leader is that his significant gift (and 'charisma' is after all, the Greek word for 'gift') should be the ability to evoke responsibility in others, and especially those in whom it is least expected. Such a leader can share his leadership without surrendering it. He refuses to make capital of the failure or weaknesses of others. He distinguishes between making and taking decisions.

In coming to a decision, all the facets of a situation are considered, and opinion encouraged from everyone who should have one. A balanced decision having been made, it is the leader's responsibility to implement it without delay, watching for consequences that may require modifications in the direction of either firmer or gentler action.

This concept of a leader rests on two main principles. The complexity of the situation requires that he is informed by a group of people whose special interests enable them to

make an essential contribution to the decision. The leader or the group having made a decision it remains the leader's responsibility to see that it is followed through.

Ideally every member of such a group has his personal sense of divine vocation, and the confidence that flows from it. He also works to create and sustain a similar sense of vocation on the part of the group as a whole. This two-fold vocation should be our aim in Toc H whether in a branch, a warden's team in a mark, a staff team or any other group.

We shall then have discovered something that men know they cannot much longer exist without. It is worth the growing pains of moving from a 'paternal' to a 'fraternal' society. This bond can bind the generations together. It would provide a basis for respect between men of different races and religions.

There are difficulties in it for the Christian used to the traditional structure of the Church. But the signs of individual authority giving way to the shared responsibility of a group are already there from the Vatican to the local English parish church. The seeds were sown in England in the seventeenth century when the responsibility of the local congregation was asserted as complementary to the exercise of episcopal authority. It was this sense of responsibility in the led, sharing the leadership of the 'paternal' leader, which was the safeguard against falling into anarchy.

Those on the modern scene who advocate anarchy as the way to break up traditional hierarchies are mistaken. The alternative to the individualist concept of the leader is not anarchy but responsibility shared by all who will participate.

Thus in this consideration of 'leadership' as much is expected of the led as of the leader. Laziness or false modesty may make some look for a saviour who can, if he fails, become the scapegoat. A love of power may prompt others to seek to preserve personal authority. True leadership will demand and use all men's gifts. This is and always was the method of Jesus.

A community experiment in South London

The Centre '70 Community Association in Tulse Hill is one experimental project from which Toc H may be able to learn something as the Movement tries to develop new methods of community work. Ken Prideaux-Brune, who is a member of the Association's Executive Committee, writes about the growth of this project.

What does building a caring community mean? How do we set about it? These are the kind of questions to which a community group, formed just under two years ago in South London, is trying to find answers. The group is the Centre '70 Community Association, which runs a community service scheme involving some 250 people; operates an informal advice centre which had over 500 clients in its first year; runs old people's clubs and children's playgroups; and acts as a channel of communication between people living in the neighbourhood and the Town Hall.

Although the Community Association was formally inaugurated in June 1970, the project really started some three years earlier, and it grew originally out of a Lent discussion course organised jointly by the Churches in the area. Many of those who took part felt a need to express their faith in practical service and so the community service scheme was born.

Mrs Sally Winter, who became the organiser of the scheme shortly after it first started (and who was, incidentally, a member of the first ever group of Clayton Volunteers), says that the scheme 'offers both an emergency service covering almost everything short of skilled nursing, and also, on a longer term basis, offers care and friendship to the elderly, the sick, the physically handicapped and the mentally ill. The basic aim is to prevent social isolation and, so far as possible, to prevent the elderly having to be taken into institutional care'.

Underlying all the work done through the community service scheme is the conviction that the offer of personal friendship is at least as important as the offer of practical help, and the relationship frequently lasts long after the immediate practical need has been met. The distinction between helper and helped is frequently blurred; several of those who have at one time needed help have later, in their turn, become helpers.

Sally's first task was to contact local authority social workers, doctors, health visitors and others who could refer those who needed the help the scheme was able to offer. Initially this involved spending time convincing the professionals that volunteers have a real contribution to offer. 'We have never put out a general appeal for volunteers,' says Sally. 'I always make a direct approach, personally or by 'phone, with a specific request for help.' Quite apart from the essential administrative work the organiser has an important part to play in supporting the volunteers. 'People are frequently aware of local needs and prepared to help,' says Sally, 'but only if they feel there is help and advice which they themselves can call on if necessary.'

At about the time that those involved realised that the scheme had grown to the point where a paid organiser, at least on a part time basis, was essential, they were approached by the then Methodist minister seeking co-operation in the effective use of his new building, which was planned to be both a church and a community centre. Several meetings later the decision was taken to launch a community association, with the backing of local churches, of all denominations, and with membership open to all. With the promise of a substantial three year grant from the City Parochial Foundation and generous support from the Borough of Lambeth Sally Winter was employed as part time organiser of the community service scheme, and a full time community worker, Miss Diana Thompson, was appointed.

Diana Thompson's first task was the launching of a neighbourhood advice centre, which opened in February 1971. This inevitably took time to establish its reputation, but over 500 people came for help and advice on a wide range of problems during the first year. 'Some people simply sought information about amenities in the area,' says Diana, 'others needed continuing help over a period of time. Some needed legal advice—a local solicitor runs free legal advice

A community experiment in South London
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sessions at Centre '70 once a week. Perhaps the largest category of visitors to date has been elderly people worried about their right to Supplementary Benefit, and about the reception they would get at the Department of Health and Social Security offices.' Diana has seen her job not only as advising people on their rights and helping them to fill in the necessary forms but also as discussing with the officers of the DHSS how they could offer a better service. As a result the Department has agreed, on an experimental basis, to have officers available once a month at two centres in the area. This is believed to be the first time that the Department has operated 'outpost' offices of this kind anywhere in the country.

A luncheon club for the elderly operates every weekday at the community centre, and a social club, formed originally by some of those who came for lunch, meets weekly. The social club has some 90 members, all of whom are

An average of 60 people attend the lunch club at Centre '70 every day. Just half an hour before this photo was taken the playgroup was in full swing in this hall.



also full members of the Community Association. In addition to socials and occasional outings the club runs its own welfare foods shop and arranges the visiting of members who are sick. Members have also undertaken to call on other elderly people in the area who are referred to the Community Association as being in need of friendship. The members take full responsibility for the running of the club and, through their participation in it, according to Diana Thompson, 'many of them have discovered a new zest for living'.

The Centre '70 Community Association, while recognising the value of the community centre as a base for many of its activities, is determined to avoid becoming imprisoned within the four walls of a building. The Association has helped to launch several social clubs for the elderly in addition to the one which meets at the centre. Similarly with pre-school playgroups. The playgroup at Centre '70 soon developed a waiting list of a size which underlined the urgent need for more provision of this kind in the area, and the Association, by finding leaders and suitable premises, has helped to start two more playgroups.

These children seem convinced that a camera is for throwing bricks at.



Mrs Lloyd (left), aged 91, is the oldest, and one of the liveliest, of the members of the Centre '70 Club for the over 60's.

Photos: Bob Broeder



Last summer, with the help of a Winant Volunteer, Ursula Finzel, the Association ran its first playscheme for children aged 7-12. Families which could particularly benefit from such a scheme were referred by social workers, health visitors and teachers, and Ursula called on them to discuss the proposal. These conversations revealed the fact that many of the parents were concerned about the complete lack of usable play space in some parts of the area. During the winter this concern has been followed up by two social science students attached to the Association for their practical work. They have encouraged the parents to get together to discuss the need among themselves, and have arranged meetings between parents and local Councillors. Quite apart from improvements in the provision of play space this initiative has resulted in the revival of one defunct tenants'

Neighbourhood social worker Miss Diana Thompson (standing) and the Association's secretary, Mrs Joyce Cottle.



association and the formation of a new tenants' association.

That, then, is the story of the start of the Centre '70 Community Association. A wide range of activities has been launched, and a considerable number of people involved. How far the Association has progressed towards its basic aim of building a caring community is hard to assess. All we can say is that we have helped to make it possible for a growing number of people to act as 'good neighbours'; and that a variety of groups have, under the umbrella of the Centre '70 Community Association, been enabled to find ways of making a positive contribution to the life of the community.

Obituary

We regret to announce the death, in March, of Marianne Turner who in 1950 joined the staff of All Hallows, and became Chaplain to the Women's Association. She was previously Principal (its first) of William Temple College. Her scholarship and her enthusiasm were extended to the membership through articles in *The Log* and talks and lectures round the country. She retired in 1960 and settled in Chichester.

We also regret to announce the death of the following members:

In November: John L Tingley (Sussex Area).

In December: Mrs St John Hornby (Central).

In January: William Goodwin (Southam), John E Jones (Mold), H Egerton Speakman (Central), Miss R M Stocks (Central).

In February: Norman Beetham (Hereford), Walter J Cockman (Wellington), George Freeman (Bedlington), Jessie M Laker (Hayes).

In March: Edward Armstrong (Alston), A Jackson ('Ajax') Brown (Southern Area), Reginald Crick (Mold), William J Hawtin (South Wales Area), Robert G V Houlson (Crawley), William H Kingsworth (Milton & Eastney), Gerald A R Martin (Penarth), Frank B Morris (Swindon), Tom Nicholson (Alston), Minnie R Sutton (Kingswood), Mary M Taylor (Netherton).

Stan Berwick, Hon Treasurer of Toc H from 1954 to 1968, died peacefully on the evening of April 13. A Memorial Service will be held at All Hallows-by-the-Tower at 6.30 pm on Tuesday, May 16. An appreciation will be published in *Point Three* next month.

We give thanks for their lives.

NEWSPOINT

TUNBRIDGE WELLS ON WHEELS

At a ceremony attended by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells, a new bus, specially designed for the comfort of handicapped people, was dedicated and then formally handed over to Toc H. The dedication was performed by the Rev L Tennick, Southborough branch padre.

The new bus, bought by local Toc H members for £4,300, replaces an old coach which was donated six years ago, and which has clocked 30,000 miles in the general transport and special excursions provided by Toc H for the handicapped in Tunbridge Wells. The old coach has been given to Hythe, Kent, branch, so its life of service is far from over.

The Mayor, in his speech at the ceremony, warmly thanked Toc H for providing and continuing such a valuable social service for the district.



Leslie Berwick, chairman of the Tunbridge Wells District coach committee receives the keys of the new coach from Mr S Caffyn. Beside him is Padre Tennick, who conducted the dedication ceremony, and next to Mr Caffyn is the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells.

Photo: Michael Wheeler

Isolated by poor bus service

Residents of South Hackney, London, are 'trapped in isolation' because of the inadequacy of the bus service in the area, according to a report produced jointly by Toc H and the South Hackney Citizens' Association. The report presents the result of a four month survey carried out by the two organisations as part of a long term campaign to get improvements in the local bus service. The surveys showed that while there were often enough buses to provide a proper service, these often passed in groups. For instance, on one day there were three buses within ten minutes and then a gap of 41 minutes without a bus.

MONTHLY MINI HANDI

Inspired by Jimmy Savile's idea of mini handi dances for handicapped young people the Broads District in Norfolk hold regular monthly sessions for 12 handicapped youngsters and girls from the local grammar school. The Health Department provided names and members visited the parents who, according to District Secretary Joan Gates, 'were, almost without exception, in favour of the idea'. Coke, biscuits, crisps and tea are provided and the evenings are, says Joan, 'very enjoyable'.

The first two sessions were held in the youth centre, but hopes that members of the youth club would

help were disappointed. The local welfare officer then offered the use of a room and made contact with the grammar school. 'The girls,' says Joan, 'are very loyal in their attendance and excellent at making friends with the guests.'

Not content with this initiative members in the District are also helping at a club, run by the probation office, for prisoners' wives and women on probation. Two members give instruction in knitting and sewing and others provide refreshments for a play group which has been started for the children. The main object of the club is to show that people really do care and to offer sympathy and practical help.

'Wishing Week' brings offers of help

A chemist's shop, a social centre, a library and an improved bus service—those are some of the things that residents would like to see on the Druids Heath estate in Birmingham, according to a recent Toc H 'Wishing Week' survey. Nearly 10 per cent of those who took part in the survey expressed their willingness to help the old or needy.

Toc H members delivered leaflets to every house on the estate inviting residents to make a wish for the area, and over 600 wishes were handed in at the 'Wishing Week' caravan. No less than 67 of the replies mentioned the lack of a chemist's shop. 51 people asked for a social centre and 48 for a library. 44 people wanted an improved bus service, and more bus stops and shelters. Gardens, playing fields and swimming baths were other facilities requested. Several replies expressed concern about vandalism. More help for the aged, in particular a visiting service was asked for, and 54 people offered to help in this and other ways.

The results of the survey were presented at a public meeting attended by over 60 residents, local Councillors and by representatives of the police, the Passenger Transport Board and the Salvage Department. The meeting appointed a working party to meet regularly and to follow up the concerns expressed.

Toc H has previously run 'Wishing Weeks' in Exeter and in London, where social clubs for the elderly and children's playschemes in Hackney are a direct response to wishes made by local residents.

What will come out of this in the long term is anybody's guess. Perhaps a community association. Perhaps a Toc H branch. Perhaps just a slightly greater feeling of neighbourliness. Whatever the results it seems a very worthwhile venture.

Permanent Christmas tree

For the past 15 years Broughton Astley branch in Leicestershire has erected a tree at the town's memorial ground each Christmas. Now the local Council has given a plot so that a permanent tree can be planted, and Alderman L. Pickering has donated a tree. So now it can be Christmas all the year round in Broughton Astley.



Two visitors to the caravan make their wish.

Photo: Birmingham Evening Mail

PANTIE PARTY

An ingenious method of supplementing clothing stocks to meet the demands anticipated by the need to outfit some children going on holiday under the WRVS children's holiday scheme was devised in Cumberland. An evening coffee party was planned. Entrance fee—one pair of children's pants from each person attending.

From WRVS Magazine

The invisible handicaps

There are two particular handicaps which afflict people all over the world and yet rarely receive the same consideration and attention that more obvious physical drawbacks have been afforded. Over the last few decades our society has become increasingly enlightened in the treatment of those with such disabilities as blindness, paralysis, and loss of limbs. But people's response to diabetics and epileptics has not been the same; these afflictions are not 'on the surface', so they have not troubled our social and humanitarian consciences to the same extent. Yet people with these conditions do suffer from great problems—physical, mental, emotional—but more, because their handicaps do not come under the obvious and 'accepted' class of disability, these people suffer from discrimination in employment and in general society.

Much work has been done medically to solve the simple clinical side of these illnesses. But in the realms of social aid and understanding, most of us are still woefully ignorant.

To help solve prejudice and ignorance concerning the 'invisible handicaps', the British Diabetic Association, the National Association for Mental Health and the British Epilepsy Association are jointly sponsoring a conference this month at which 'medicine' will show to 'management' the problems that these people face, and hopefully provide answers and practical measures for better treatment.

SQUARE ONE

Some branches need a fifth point of the Compass; and this should be 'look lively'.

Tubby Toc H Journal
January 1930

Films, anyone?

If your group or branch is interested in having film nights, we have a warm recommendation from Reg Coates, chairman of Chippenham (Wilts) Toc H, for 16mm films from the German Film Library (catalogues from Messrs Curzon Publicity Ltd, 31 St James's Place, London SW1. Telephone 01-493 2823/4). There are travel, industrial, educational and children's films, all of high standard—and all on free loan.

And assistant general secretary Ken Rogers warmly recommends the new Dr Barnardo's film 'Fancy Sending Them Away'. It is, he says, 'a film I think most of our branches would value seeing. The pictures of the helpless young multiple sclerosis sufferer (and his brother) in an ordinary home are extremely good and well produced. They bring out the sympathy we all have for parents who find themselves with handicapped children. The sequences in the Barnardo Home show what loving and caring educational staff can do to make a happy environment.' This film is also on free loan. From the Barnardo Film Library, Tanners Lane, Barking, Essex.

A SUPER SUPERMARKET

At a presentation shortly before the Urban Council meeting in Melton Mowbray, a representative of the local supermarket gave a £50 cheque to each of four organisations. The recipients were Toc H, the Melton Blind Institute, the Royal British Legion and Red Cross. Melton Toc H will use their cheque in a Caravan Fund, which provides holidays for the elderly.

In Melton, 'supporting your local supermarket' is helping to support yourself!

In brief...

Ted Hough, who has been working jointly for Toc H and for the Hull Industrial Mission, has had to resign for family reasons and has returned to South Wales.

Maurice Gleeson has been appointed Area secretary for South East London.

West Central women's branch will be holding its annual wine and cheese party at The Holme, Bedford College, Regents Park, London, on July 8. Tickets, price 50p, can be obtained from Miss C L Gordon, 3b Heathway Court, Finchley Road, London NW3.

Fulham branch raised a record £59 at a recent jumble sale. The branch has also received a £50 donation towards the Etembeni appeal from the local Anglican church.

Iain Fraser was among the 50 members who attended the Kirkby Lonsdale branch 30th birthday celebrations.

And down in Cornwall Burraton women's branch has celebrated its 21st birthday. A blue table cloth, with the new form of the Toc H symbol embroidered on it, was given to the branch by Mrs E Bracegirdle.

For the 25th successive year the Acton Police Concert Party entertained Acton Toc H Blind Club members at their annual party. The members of the concert party were presented with engraved miniature wine coolers to commemorate the occasion and also received a silver card signed by the members of the blind club and by the Mayor and Mayoress of Acton.

Mold branch are planning a camp for 20 physically handicapped children this summer.

Women members in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, have devised an unusual method of raising money to provide emergency alarms for those living alone. They are finding a ready sale for flower pots decorated with shells.

Alison House has catered for quite a range of interests and recently added to the list when the first bridge playing weekend was held. Twenty four people attended the weekend, 13 of them non-members—two of whom have already asked to be put in touch with their local branch. A second weekend is being planned.

Over 200 people braved snow and biting winds to attend the South Wales Festival at Llandaff Cathedral. Sandy Giles, the Director, was among those present, and Huw Gibbs, public relations secretary, was the main speaker.

When Easter eggs rolled down Penshaw Hill

Adrian Dudman

The Washington, County Durham, branch, established over a year ago, has really plunged in at the deep end and is involved in several fronts of concern and activity. Last summer they broadened out a play scheme idea and ran it at three centres, with the prime object of involving 75 per cent local people. This was so successful that they have now farmed out the responsibility of play schemes to eight of the new village associations and so have achieved their goal.

Last year both mentally and physically handicapped children were integrated into the scheme and this has brought about a young people's group fostering and continuing the relationships made throughout the year. They take the children swimming, shopping into Newcastle and Gateshead, for trips out in the minibus and devised for Easter a sponsored Easter egg rolling competition when the handicapped were taken to Penshaw Hill in their wheel chairs to roll their Easter eggs down the hill!

This has captured the imagination of a good many local people and proved to be an enjoyable Easter Sunday. The money raised will go towards the cost of a week's holiday for the handicapped they have planned for this summer at Alison House. Most of them have never had a holiday in their lives. The branch is also involved in all the planning of the play schemes this summer, the physically handicapped club, the running of a monthly luncheon club for social workers and others, the inaugura-

tion of a community Care and Concern scheme, in connection with the Council of Churches, dealing with people's problems in depth, a project demanding a training in sensitivity and techniques.

Periodic social events are organised to bring together people from all walks of life, not with a view to making money, but mainly for the pleasure of making new relationships. These gatherings can draw up to 400 in one evening. Another annual activity has been to organise central firework displays, aimed at alleviating the danger anxieties and creating a decent display. During the miners' strike they were very active in trying to get coal and wood to those in most need. All this has brought together some most unlikely people to share concerns with each other and act upon them. Toc H is now a real force to be reckoned with in Washington and has proved itself as Christian love in action.

Standing on your Own Two Feet

The Cyrenian Youth Conference was a successful and thought-stirring three days of talks on so-called 'social misfits', their personal problems and the effectiveness of society and the legal system in dealing with these people, reports Ruby Relf of the South Eastern Regional staff.

Two of the many interesting points were that, according to Miss Ros Kane, of Radical Alternatives to Prison, Britain sends four

times as many people to prison as any other Western country; and that, according to Jeremy Sandford, legislation and motorways are bringing to an end the 3,000 year old wandering existence of the gypsies. Jeremy, world-famous for his books 'Cathy Come Home' and 'Edna the Inebriate Woman', and their subsequent films, has just spent some time on the roads with gypsies—and is writing a new book on his experiences with them.

'GET THAT BIRD'

says *Toc H Swindon Outside*
Broadcast Producer
Les Harris

The notice board carries a brief message—'OB Sunday morning next—Old Holyrood Church, Ecumenical Service 11.00–11.45—open 10.45.'

For the OB crew this means a 9.30 start, rigging power supplies and a land line link some 200 yards. Then siting microphones and seeing to all the dozen and one things which have the habit of cropping up at these times.

It's now 10.30 and, carried on the breeze, the marching hymn tune of the Salvation Army band heralds the first of the congregation. 'Make sure that "B" Flat Base stands well away from the South corner mike', growls the producer, 'we had trouble from him last time.' The beautifully tranquil church yard flanked on three sides by ancient headstones gradually fills up and at 10.45 on goes the ident tape and we are 'on the air'. The rigging crew relaxes in the sunshine and perhaps joins in with the singing; it's a sunny Sunday morning, the air is clear and the world seems right.

As though on cue, from the churchyard yew a cock blackbird bursts forth his joyous song and as the words 'Let us pray' bring a hush to the throng, our feathered friend really excels himself. 'Get that bird,' whispers the producer, and up goes the wick on No. 1 mike. 'Beautiful,' he murmurs, his face lighting up—'beautiful'.

Miles away in hospital, a little old lady heard the service and later, when asked if she had enjoyed it, replied 'that blackbird sang lovely'.

If only for this and this alone it was worth while.

DOWNFALL

The only job where you start at the top is digging a hole

PICTUREPOINT

Right: Prideaux House has always been one of the most international of our Marks and chess is an International game. Chief Inspector John Allain, vice chairman of the Metropolitan Police chess club, visited Prideaux House recently and played eight matches simultaneously against Pakistani, Brazilian, Thai, Turkish and British opponents. The only one of the eight to beat him was Lie Youw Oey from Thailand.

Photo: Courtesy Metropolitan Police



Right: Students from the Bolton College of Art at work on the new social centre for the mentally and physically handicapped in Leigh, Lancs. (See February *Point Three*.) The students are all on block release in the plastering department and the college responded enthusiastically to the opportunity of giving them on-site experience.

Photo: Tillotsons Newspapers Ltd



All in a week's work. Members in Nailsea, Bristol, help both young and old.

Below: Treasurer John Molyneux and secretary Cliff Wright present a cheque to two members of Nailsea Youth Club to cover the cost of a week's training preparatory to membership of the National Boys' Club. Below right: Some of the branch's 30 guests board the coach on their way to see 'Cinderella' in Weston-super-Mare.

Photos: North Somerset Mercury



A house divided

John Morgan

Demonstrations are a common enough occurrence in this country nowadays, hardly a week passes without one. The violence which some of these lead to is indicative of the mess that our society has got itself into. Everybody talks, but nobody listens; the communications gap grows wider.

It seems that while one half of society is determined to maintain the establishment, the other half seems hell-bent on destroying it. The art of reason appears to have died and if both sides even paused for breath they would realise just how ludicrous they really are.

Even Toc H has no guaranteed immunity from this sort of thing and in some respects provides the ideal situations in which reactionaries and progressives are able to polarise their positions. In the early days of the Movement, when society was less complex than it is today, we could press forward uninhibited towards our goals without wondering what the other person was doing. It is interesting to note that in

1920 Tubby said *'Toc H aims not at stampeding the whole social system, but at the creation of a place and atmosphere in which the younger men at least may meet their contemporaries and learn, on taking over, how much needs doing from the tired survivors whom they have come to relieve'.

The passing of the years has perhaps made us express these views in more sophisticated language, but they are as valid today as they were 50 years ago, probably more so. The creation of a place and atmosphere—so often in Toc H we fail to create either and are dismayed or disheartened at our own failures.

Toc H is supposed to be a mixture of people, meeting on common ground, yet so often we find divisions and cleavages caused by petty internal squabbles, many of which could have been avoided. Toc H is supposed to care yet so often it ignores the stranger in its midst, preferring the company of those it knows. The creation of a place and atmosphere, these are some of the basic essentials in the movement of the spirit to which Bob Knight referred in recent articles.

*Barclay Baron—*The Birth of a Movement* (page 27)

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John Murray

Does the branch think?

The first of an occasional series by Ron Evans in which discussions at a branch, which shall remain nameless, are recorded for posterity. Whether as an example or a warning is for the reader to decide.

'What's the programme for tonight?' asked George.

'Montgomery was to give us a talk on "The Archaeology of Nether Wallop,"' said Simon, 'but as he has forgotten to bring his notes we shall have to have a discussion.'

'On what?'

'On the hippies,' said Clarence. This was his pet subject.

'What, again?' said George.

'We haven't had it yet. We only talked about having it. Now is the time.'

'All right,' said the chairman, 'let's get it over and done with. What did the man say about clear thinking?'

'I always think clearly,' said Simon. 'It's fair thinking we need. It's not fair to call the hippies a lot of good-for-nothing layabouts. Their aim is to put the world to rights by loving everybody. You couldn't have a better one than that.'

'And they do it by breaking into empty property, smoking pot, and keeping everybody awake with electric guitars,' replied George. 'It's only fair to the neighbours to throw them out and keep them moving.'

'Now lets be fair,' said Nicholas. 'They're only youngsters; they like to do their own thing, as we did when we were their age.'

'We seem to be getting nowhere fast,' remarked the chairman. 'You're all doing your own fair thinking sincerely, as it seems fair to you, and no doubt you'll stick to it. But it seems to me you were all three parts of the way to your conclusions before you started thinking at all. What's the real truth of the matter, and how do we begin?'

'You mean fundamental principles?'

'Something like that. How about "intrusion"? I think we agreed, when we talked about it without any tags attached, that there was, basically, a right to resist it.'

George rose to make a point.

'Ouch' said Nicholas. 'You clumsy whatsit, you trod on my toe. That's intrusion, if you like.'

'So what do we do about it?' said the chairman. 'Accidental intrusion?'

'Adequate compensation,' said Montgomery. 'Kiss it and make it well.'

'About intrusion and the hippies,' said Simon. 'The question is, surely, who started it?'

Clearly breaking into people's property and assaulting their ears is intrusion. We can't allow that, high-spirited youngsters or not. I'm not so sure about drugs.'

'Perhaps the people next door like the noise,' said George.

'That's intrusion by consent,' said the chairman. 'And consent must always be sought in advance.' He looked at his watch; 'Simon, time to make the tea.'

'Why do I always have to make the tea? You're intruding on my precious time and energy.'

'No we are not, if it's your duty,' said Nicholas. 'And you should regard it as your privilege. Service, remember?'

'I'm sure I must have some right to resist' grumbled Simon. 'I shall lie awake all tonight trying to think why.'

'Don't let's fog the issue with irrelevancies,' said the chairman. 'What about the hippies' side of the question? Who's intruding on them?'

'People who push them around,' said Simon. 'And call them bad names.'

'I think,' said the chairman, 'it comes back to the question of who started what? So long as they don't themselves intrude, there's no justification for interfering with them. If you don't approve personally of their costume you can look elsewhere. So long as they don't push you off the pavement they are entitled to go where they like in public places. And if they give their consent you are entitled to go and see if you can learn something from them. Or find out the facts—which I think none of us has bothered to do so far.'

'That's a point,' remarked George. 'Being aware of the facts must be quite an asset when it comes to clear thinking.'

Letters

The Symbol

The Central Councillor was to talk to the ladies' branch and we were invited. As they always put on a very good spread we accepted with alacrity. The meeting was uneventful until the speaker mentioned that the 'powers that be' had decided in their wisdom to do away with the Toc H Lamp symbol on the badge and substitute the 'trendy squiggle'. The general feeling of the meeting was much against this.

I have spent the last 25 years endeavouring to explain what the funny little lamp in my button-hole stands for and now I suppose I start again explaining the 'trendy squiggle'.

Why should something that has been universally known and respected for 50 years be altered because it is not modern? What do other branches think?

Len Lines *Goffs Oak, Herts*

The decision was taken by the Central Council and not by some anonymous 'powers that be'. Editor.

Emergency warning buzzers

Further to the letter about emergency buzzers in the February issue we would like to inform you that one of our members who is well qualified in the field of electronics has tested three of these buzzers. All quickly developed faults, making them in his opinion very unreliable.

We as a branch therefore have decided against their use to supplement the many bells we have installed in old people's houses. We much prefer our own system of regular maintenance to ensure that the bells are in good working order. We bring this matter to your attention as we feel that too much reliance on these buzzers could have serious consequences.

John F McLean *Rainham, Kent*

Wozzat you said

Notice in a Spanish newspaper: 'in order to pay its debts and finance the construction of a veterinary clinic, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals will hold a charity bull-fight'.

'Scarface' Alec

Ken Gandy, Hon Secretary, Toc H New Zealand

On a cool dark night, somewhat later than schedule, an airliner deposited at Rongotai airport, Wellington, NZ a tired and battered traveller. The battered condition was due (so he said) to an accident in a hotel in Sydney, but we Kiwis know of the kind of accidents they have in Sydney hotels. However, welcome as he was, this was no way to make a 'return journey' after 34 years, and to fit the crime, he was taken immediately to a meeting of the Dominion Executive, then in session.

Here, after hearing the 'state of the nation', he rapidly made his presence felt and left some useful challenges with us. Over the next few days New Zealand 'fixed' his teeth, removed his stitches and in general 'put him right'. Arrangements had been hurriedly made for him to see as many old friends (and new) as possible and the air was full of 'do you remember. . .' and 'what happened to old . . .'

During his short stay in Wellington, the traveller, in addition to attending a meeting of 'Domex', was guest at a branch meeting, went out with the film unit, attended a charity fair, and, after visiting the cathedral (and the bishop) and everything else down to a 100 year old church which holds about 40 if a shoehorn is used, visited an old member at Makara who attempted to make a mountain goat out of him.

It is quite superfluous to say how much Wellington branch welcomed the wanderer, Alec Churcher, back. The one regret was the brevity of the visit.

It was nice seeing you again Alec. Don't leave it for so long next time. Incidentally to all Toc H travellers to 'the shaky isles' the name and number is in the book, but we would appreciate notice of a projected visit.

Community action TV series

A series of five programmes on community action will be shown on BBC2 on Monday evenings at 7.05 pm, starting on May 15. The series, which is called 'Let's Get Going', should be of particular interest to members of Toc H. The first four programmes will each feature one particular community action group, two in Liverpool and two in London. The fifth programme will bring members of these groups together with others interested in this kind of work for a studio discussion.

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Welcome Point

The following new branches were formally recognised by the Central Executive at its March meeting: Bournemouth (j), Clevedon (j), Corwen (w).

The following branches elected new members during the month:

- 7-Newcastle West End (j).
- 4-Barrow-on-Humber (j), Corwen (w).
- 3-Chingford (j), Honiton (w), Milford-on-Sea (w), St Thomas (m).
- 2-Beckley (m), Catterick Village (m), Chippenham (m), Criccieth (m), Dalton-in-Furness (w), Denton (m), Edgmond (j), Harefield (j).
- 1-Alston (m), Ashford & Kennington (w), Buckingham (m), Chard (m), Cheltenham (m), Codsall (w), Dartford (m), Exmouth (w), Fakenham (m), Glastonbury & Street (j), Hull Central (m), Lee (m), Looe (m), Nottingham City (m), Pickhurst Green (w), Pinchbeck (m), Richmond (Yorks) (w), St Helier (Jersey) (m), Shavington (m), Sherborne (w), Southport (j), Stamford (m), Stamford (w), Sutton-on-Sea (m), Weston Rhyn (m), Westwood (m).

We extend a warm welcome to the 69 new members.



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Write a car sticker

We are asked frequently for a new car sticker, and hope to remedy the shortage with the following competition for members.

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Do you want a weekend in London, or a series of Regional festivals?

Do you want a Festival Evening at the Albert Hall, and if so what form do you think it should take?

The team responsible for the preliminary planning for the Diamond Jubilee celebrations in 1975 is sending a questionnaire to all branches.

This is your opportunity to say what you want and to contribute your ideas and suggestions. Don't miss it.

Tell us now.

Don't forget

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SPRINGBANKHOLIDAY
Monday, May 29**